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TAGS: CARR ML  
SUBJECT: LEGAL REPRESENTATION AVAILABLE TO AMERICANS ARRESTED  
ABROAD: MALI

REF: STATE 147704

FOLLOWING RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO PARA 2 REFTEL:

A. AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC-DEFENDER-TYPE LEGAL ASSISTANCE  
IN MALI (KNOWN AS "AVOCAT NOMME D'OFFICE") IS DEPENDENT  
UPON TYPE OF CRIME COMMITTED. FOR MINOR CRIMES, TRIED  
BY THE "TRIBUNAL CORRECTIONNEL" AND INCLUDING SUCH  
CRIMES AS FRAUD, THEFT, NONPAYMENT OF BILLS, NONFATAL  
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, DRUG OFFENSES, AND RAPE OF AN  
ADULT, FREE LEGAL COUNSEL NOT PROVIDED. FOR MAJOR  
CRIMES, SUCH AS MURDER, MANSLAUGHTER, AGGRAVATED  
ASSAULT, AND RAPE OF A MINOR OR INCOMPETENT, TRIED  
IN THE "COUR D'ASSIZES", COUNSEL IS MANDATORY AND  
PROVIDED BY COURT IF DEFENDANT INDIGENT. COUNSEL  
ALSO REQUIRED AND PROVIDED IF NECESSARY IN ALL  
APPEALS COURTS. NO DISTINCTION MADE BETWEEN MALIANS  
AND FOREIGNERS IN PROVISION OF PUBLIC DEFENDER.

B. IN CASES ENUMERATED ABOVE WHERE COUNSEL IS  
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REQUIRED, INDIGENTS ARE AUTOMATICALLY PROVIDED WITH  
PUBLIC DEFENSE.

C. ONLY A HANDFUL OF LAWYERS PRACTICE IN MALI, AND  
ONE IS CHOSEN ON A TEMPORARY BASIS AS "AVOCAT NOMME  
D'OFFICE/ WHEN NEEDED. QUALITY OF PUBLICALLY-PROVIDED  
LEGAL ASSISTANCE THEREFORE SAME AS PRIVATE COUNSEL.

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